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TO: All individuals and groups interested in the activities of the
Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: *Richard K. Mastain*
Richard K. Mastain, Executive Secretary
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SUBJECT: Approval of Title 5 Regulations, Sections 80061, 80061.1, and 80061.2:
standards for teaching in a special center for the handicapped and for
the issuance of credentials and permits for persons employed in special
centers for the handicapped

Regulations pertaining to specific requirements for teaching in a special center and for the issuance of credentials and permits for persons employed in special centers have been filed with the Secretary of State and are **effective on February 17, 1986**. A copy of these regulations is attached for your information.

The basic effects of these regulations are:

(a) Limits the initial assignment of personnel to special centers to those individuals who hold the Severely Handicapped Special Education Specialist credential, the Restricted Severely Handicapped credential, the Life Development Center Instruction permit, the Special Center permit, or other special education credential that, under previous laws and regulations, authorized teaching in special centers (formerly called development centers for the handicapped);

(b) Establishes the Special Center permit as a replacement for the "old" Development Center Instruction permit; and limits the issuance of the Special Center permit to individuals who have a valid Development Center Instruction permit and who have taught for at least two years full-time in a special center;

(c) Establishes the Restricted Severely Handicapped credential and limits the issuance of this credential to individuals who have a valid Development Center Instruction permit (or Special Center permit), who have taught for at least three years in a special center and who have completed a Commission-approved program for the Severely Handicapped credential;

(Please note that the program referred to in (c) is the same program taken by candidates for the Special Education Specialist credential for teaching the severely handicapped. Currently, thirty-three institutions have Commission-approved programs in this specialty area. A candidate for the Restricted Severely Handicapped credential entering a program for teaching the severely handicapped will need to hold a Development Center Instruction permit or Special Center permit in lieu of the prerequisite teaching credential required of those working toward the Severely Handicapped Specialist credential. Once the candidate

has completed the program, the institution may provide him or her with a letter verifying successful completion of the program, rather than filling out the formal recommendation on the credential application form. All other requirements are explained in the attached regulations.)

(d) Establishes renewal requirements for both the Special Center permit and for the Restricted Severely Handicapped credential.

If you have any questions and/or need further information, please contact Bobbie Fite, Certification Officer II, at (916) 445-7254.

ATTACHMENT

TITLE 5 REGULATIONS

80061. Requirements for Teaching in Special Centers

- (a) Initial assignment to teach in a special center shall require at least one of the following: a Special Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizing the teaching of the Severely Handicapped, the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential, the Life Development Center Instruction Permit, the Special Center Permit, or any other special education credential that, under previous laws and regulations, authorized teaching in programs for children who are severely handicapped as defined in Education Code Section 56030.5.
- (b) Holders of a Development Center Instruction Permit may continue to serve in a Special Center, as defined in Education Code Section 56364, until their permits expire. Development Center Permits are not renewable and holders of this permit will, upon the expiration date of the permit, be required to apply for and to hold the Special Center Permit pursuant to Section 80061.2, in order to continue to teach in a special center.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b).

Reference: Education Code Sections 56364, 56364.5, 44265, 44256(c).

80061.1 Requirements for the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential

- (a) The requirements for the Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential shall include all of the following:
- (1) A baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited institution;
 - (2) Possession of a Special Center Permit or other permit or credential which authorizes service in a Special Center;
 - (3) Three years of successful employment in a special center;
 - (4) Completion of a Commission-approved program for the Special Education Specialist Instruction Credential authorizing the teaching of the severely handicapped; and
 - (5) Verification of passage of the California Basic Education Skills Test, as specified in Education Code, Section 44252.
- (b) Period of Validity. The Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential is valid for five years and may be renewed with verification of two years of successful experience in a Special Center during the valid period of the credential being renewed, and completion of six semester units of collegiate course work related to special education completed during the five year period of validity.

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- (c) Authorization. The Restricted Severely Handicapped Credential authorizes the instruction, guidance, and care of children in a special center and not in a special class as both are used in Article 4, Section 56364.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b).

Reference: Education Code Section 56364.5.

80061.2 Requirements for the Special Center Permit

- (a) The requirements for the Special Center Permit shall include all of the following:

- (1) Possession of a permit which authorizes service in a Special Center;
- (2) A minimum of two (2) years of successful full-time teaching experience in a position requiring the special center permit;
- (3) Sixty semester hours of college course work including eight semester hours selected from the following fields: specialized preparation to serve as a teacher of exceptional children, nursery education, early childhood education or child development. An applicant who has not completed the 60 semester hours of college work at the time his or her provisional permit expires has the right of appeal pursuant to Sections 80505-80522.

- (b) Requirements for the renewal of the Special Center Permit shall include all of the following:

- (1) Verification of two years of successful experience in a special center during the valid period of the permit;
- (2) Verification of either of the following:
 - (A) Completion of nine semester units of collegiate course work leading to a degree and/or a credential; or
 - (B) Completion of an individualized program of staff development totaling not less than 150 clock hours. The individualized program will be signed by the applicants and the site administrator. Verification of completion will be in the form of a letter from the site administrator;
- (3) Submission of an application form, verification of (b)(1) and (b)(2) above, and the fee as specified Section 80487;

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(c) Period of Validity:

The Special Center Permit is valid for five years and may be renewed as specified in Subsection (b);

(d) Authorization:

The Special Center Permit authorizes the instruction guidance and care of children in a Special Center as defined in Education Code Sections 56364 and 56030.5.

Authority: Education Code Section 44225(b) and 56364.5.

Reference: Education Code Section 56364 and 56030.5